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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Detroit Free Press: Dan Gilbert's firm to respond to Wayne County's proposal to sell stalled jail site, other land

"Officials with the real estate arm of Quicken Loans founder Dan Gilbert's enterprise say they will respond to a request for information from Wayne County about acquiring the county jail site.... Matthew Cullen, president and CEO of Rock Ventures, said their proposal will cover not just the jail site but the entire criminal justice complex, including the nearby courthouses and sheriff's office."

Full story

Also see:

The Detroit News: Gilbert's Rock Ventures to offer to buy stalled Wayne Co. jail site

Full story

The Detroit News: Wayne County officials await offers on partially constructed jail project

Full story

C & G News/Warren: Power outage shuts down court, affects Civic Center

"A power outage in Warren's Civic Center led to the closure of the 37th District Court and also affected City Hall and the Warren Police Department July 17. Litigants and attorneys waited outside in high humidity and temperatures already in the upper 80s when the court could not open as scheduled at 8:30 a.m., but they had dispersed before 10 a.m. after the building was reportedly closed for the day."

Full story

Daily Press & Argus: Right-to-work dispute won't go away

The editorial states "Despite Rick Snyder's plea that the Michigan Supreme Court settle the right-to-work law's constitutionality, the state's highest court decided to pass.... The governor hoped the court would sign off on the controversial statute and quiet widespread objections about the way it was enacted."

Full story

Detroit Legal News: Collection program simplifies paying fines in Wayne County courts

"A fine for speeding in Detroit and a right-turn-on-red ticket in Livonia can now be paid in a single court visit, thanks to a new collaboration by the 36th District Court and other district courts in Wayne County. The program, called the Out County Collections Program, makes it more convenient for the public to take care of multiple traffic cases at the same time."

Full story

Gaylord Herald Times: Free divorce clinics scheduled in Otsego, Crawford counties

"Free legal help is available for those seeking a divorce at clinics in Otsego and Crawford counties sponsored by the 46th Judicial Circuit Bar and Northern Michigan Legal Services, Inc. The clinics are open to individuals who are in the process of a divorce but cannot afford to hire an attorney to represent them.... Janet Allen, chief judge of the 46th Circuit Court, spearheaded the program several years ago."

Full story

Also see:

The MiLW Blog: Northern Michigan attorneys offer free divorce advice

Full story

The Herald-Palladium/St. Joseph: Judge mulls definition of 'gun club'

"Berrien County Trial Court Judge John Dewane on Wednesday heard arguments on whether the Coloma Township Zoning Board of Appeals had properly defined gun clubs. Lawyers for Berrien County, which wants to reopen a law enforcement shooting range in Coloma Township, argued that the ZBA had skewed its definition to specifically exclude the county's shooting range."

Full story

Jackson County Legal News: Pilot program helps settle landlord disputes

"Larry Socie is sitting in a downtown corner office in the United Way building in downtown Jackson. It's not unlike the rooms in which Socie works as a volunteer mediator for a landlord-tenant dispute resolution pilot program run out of District Court Judge Darryl Mazur's courtroom."

Full story

Note: The article also ran in the Washtenaw County Legal News.

The Macomb Daily: Shelby approves court deal; Macomb to analyze cost ramifications

"Macomb Township officials will move ahead with plans to consider construction of a building to house the 41A District A Court after Shelby Township removed a final hurdle this week. By a 3-2 vote, the Shelby Township Board of Trustees approved an agreement that ensures Macomb Township will hear all the cases and garner the lion's share of revenue from fines if the court operation relocates."

Full story

Oakland County Legal News: Judge welcomes students to courtroom

"As part of the College Pre-Law Summer Institute (CPSI) at Cooley Law School, Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Leo Bowman invited the students to his courtroom for a tour and introduction to the judiciary on Thursday, June 27."

Full story

Oakland County Legal News: Street court program offers clean slate, second chance

"... [Street Outreach Court Detroit (SOCD)] hosted its 'One-Year Anniversary Celebration' on June 25 at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.... Wayne County 36th District Court Judges Cylenthia LaToye Miller and Katherine Hansen were among the founders of the program and the court plays a major role in contributing their time and efforts."

Full story

Saginaw News: Bound by mental health law, judge dismisses charges against self-confessed serial pedophile

"A judge has dismissed felony charges against a Taymouth Township man who told police he had 'too many' sexual assault victims to remember them all. Because more than 15 months have passed since a judge first found Alan J. Blaney mentally incompetent, Saginaw County Circuit Judge James T. Borchard on Monday, July 15, dismissed the four counts of second-degree criminal sexual conduct that Blaney faced."

Full story

Also see:

The MiLW Blog: Judge advises filing petition ... posthaste

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The State News/East Lansing: Mich. court rules edible marijuana unusable

"Brownies, candies, balms, creams, ointments and extracts — all of these products have become favorites for medical marijuana patients who prefer more casual methods to smoking the plant. Unfortunately for users and operators of dispensaries across the state, the Michigan Court of Appeals ruled on July 11 that edibles, and by extension many of these products, are not considered usable marijuana under the current Michigan Medical Marihuana Act, or MMMA."

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